The taxes are much too high in CT. That's the reason why there's a giant sucking sound of people and companies fleeing the state. We're taxed on everything but the air we breathe and if that could be arranged we would be! I would leave the state, myself, if I didn't have family in Ct.

I called Optimum to try to get a reduction in price, and the rep., Edwin, said that the reason the price is so high is that Ct taxes are so high,11 dollars per bill. Pretty pathetic when the clerk from cable vision tells you, you're taxes are too high.

And the tax free week is a joke for the pittling amt of money saved I want to say- keep it. I can't understand how NC, Florida even NH, pay a third or less of the taxes we pay. How can that be done here in Ct?

There are many intelligent people working to represent the people of Connecticut and I can't understand how all these smart people can't figure out how to make living in CT., affordable. Every tax we pay should be reevaluated for potential eradication.

My suggestion would be that every tax be replaced with fines received from people talking on the phone while driving.

We wouldn't have to pay one tax at all!

I hope I'm not too late to express the choke hold I feel at the claws of the outrageously high taxes in this state.

I called optimum today to try to get a reduction on my bill and rep. after rep. said the problem is the state of Ct and the high taxes, higher than Mass. and NY. The tax on my cable bill is over eleven dollars! Every resident in this state is drowning in the ocean of tax burden.

You need to do something. Make a flat tax for every person, every business, every church, every hospital - everyone pays the same percentage. Combine that with ceasing payment for women who have children after children who they can't take care of and we have to pay for. Do something! You people are getting paid to do good by us and you're not making a state that the average median income person can live in.

It's no wonder that so many houses and businesses are leaving the state. If I wasn't tied to my family , I'd be out of here too!

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